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Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 28 as follows. A marked-up copy of Claim 28 is also attached.

28. (Amended) A method according to claim 24, wherein said sampling step draws samples interactively from said probability density function.

Remarks

Claims 1-55 are pending. Claim 28 has been amended. Claims 1, 23, and 45-50 are independent.

Claim 28 has been amended to correct a minor informality therein.

Consideration and an early allowance are respectfully solicited.

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28. (Amended) A method according to claim [29] 24, wherein said sampling step  
draws samples interactively from said probability density function.

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